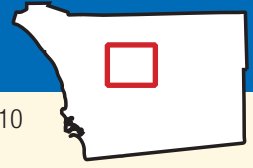




SOUTH SANTA FE AVENUE NORTH

Road Improvement Project

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BACKGROUND:



The South Santa Fe Avenue (North) Road Improvement Project is now becoming a reality, paid by TransNet, Transportation Impact Fees, and Prop 1B funds.

The South Santa Fe Avenue Road Improvement Project is now underway. This project will widen South Santa Fe Avenue (SSFA), a major roadway that runs parallel to State Route 78 and serves as an alternate route connecting the City of Vista with the City of San Marcos. SSFA is already a four-lane roadway within these two cities; however, the road is only two lanes in the unincorporated area of the County between Vista and San Marcos. This

road improvement project will complete the transformation from two lanes to four for the entire roadway, add other improvements, and bring the highway into compliance with the county's General Plan Update.

Due to funding constraints and other complexities, the SSFA project is divided into two separate projects: South Santa Fe Avenue - North (SSFN) and South Santa Fe Avenue - South (SSFS). The idea of widening the remaining section of two-lane roadway between San Marcos and Vista had its inception in the 1990s; but it was not until recently that project funds became available and a final design was achieved for the SSFN phase.

The SSFN project will include the improvement of a 0.7-mile segment between Montgomery Drive and 700 feet east of Woodland Drive and will widen the roadway from two lanes to four, adding approximately 1.8 new lane-miles of traveled roadway. It will also include drainage improvements to capture and route storm water runoff, sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the new roadway, improvements to existing water and sewer lines, and

The \$14.2 million in construction costs for SSFN are funded by TransNet, Transportation Impact Fees, and Prop 1B bonds approved by voters in 2006.*

**sales tax revenues*



A new, safer railroad crossing will be constructed at a four-way intersection of South Santa Fe Avenue and Woodland and York Drives.

the reconstruction of a new roadway centerline. Overhead utility lines will also be removed and placed underground adding to the aesthetic appeal of the area. And for increased safety, the railroad crossing will be moved to a newly constructed four-way intersection of South Santa Fe Avenue, Woodland and York Drives.



Completion of phase one of the SSFN Road Improvement Project is estimated for Fall / Winter of 2010.

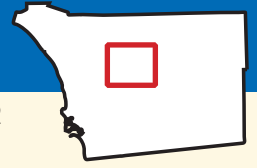


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PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS:

During phase one of the SSFN Project, work to move utility lines underground will be performed in preparation for the relocation of the rail crossing and realignment of South Santa Fe Avenue, Woodland and York Drives to a newly constructed four-way intersection. The current railroad crossing will remain in place and existing track used until the new crossing has been completed. Utility undergrounding in this first phase will consist of trenching and installing underground conduit that will ultimately house the existing overhead lines. The undergrounding, conduit trenching, and installation in this phase will be done from Montgomery Drive to approximately 900 feet south, in addition to work within the future alignments of Woodland and Hannalei Drives.

Additional work during this phase includes the temporary, and ultimately the permanent relocation of overhead utility poles in preparation for the road reconstruction improvements.



Part of the SSFN Road Improvement Project will include the undergrounding of utility lines and removing the existing poles.

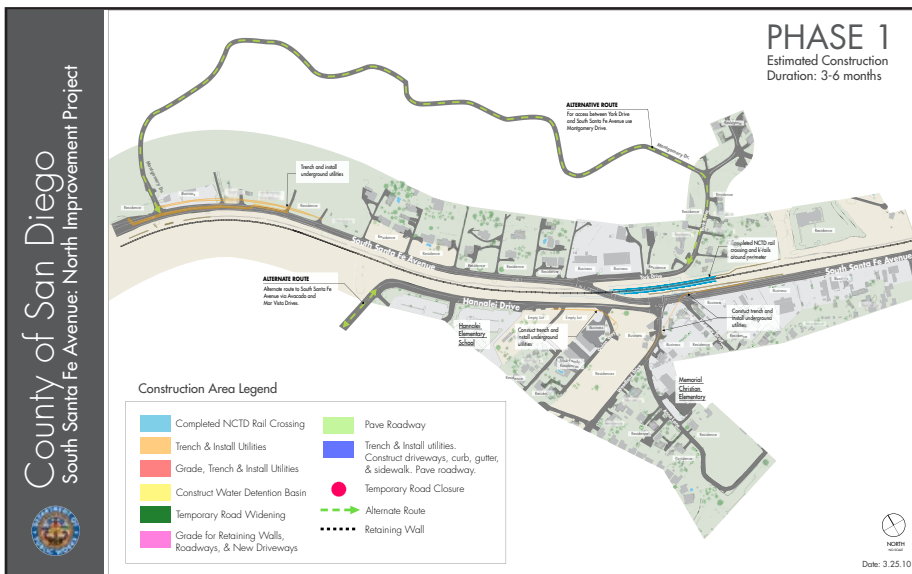
HOW THIS WILL IMPACT YOU:

Public safety is paramount in the design, during construction, and in the day-to-day vehicular traffic and pedestrian use of any road being improved. During phase one construction every effort will be made to maintain traffic flow and above all – safety. Flagmen and construction signage will be used to ensure safe and steady traffic flow through the construction zones. Recommendations

for alternate routes for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be posted at the site, and on the [South Santa Fe Avenue web site](#). Updates and other bulletins concerning detours and safety advisories will also be posted on the DPW Twitter and Facebook pages, linked from the [DPW web site](#). We will also attempt to have recommended routes available in regular updates of this newsletter - available by email subscription - also downloaded from the DPW web site.

Meanwhile, recommended alternate routes during initial phases of construction are Montgomery, Woodland, Hannalei, and Avocado Drives.

To ensure your safety, and that of our flagmen, please slow down in construction zones and comply with the direction of flagmen working to make your commute through the area as expedient and safe as possible.



The SSFN project is divided into seven phases of construction as a means of maximizing safety, efficiency and quality.

HANNALEI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Access to and from Hannalei Elementary School will remain as-is during this phase of construction. Minor interruptions to pedestrian access southeast of the intersection of SSFA and Woodland Drive may occur due to undergrounding operations in this area.

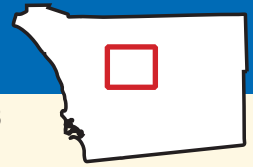


Up-to-the-minute advisories will be posted on [Twitter.com/sdcounty.dpw](#) and on the DPW Facebook account: [SDCountyDPW](#)



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Q&A

Several questions were posed and answered at the community forum held March 25. Additional community gatherings are planned as the project moves along. We'll include the most common concerns in the Q&A section of this newsletter.

Q: How will construction affect traffic along South Santa Fe Avenue and adjacent streets?

A: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be provided at all times during construction, with the exception of York Drive. Motor vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained as efficiently as possible. Flagmen and informational signage will be present during construction activities.

Additionally, the county will have a traffic signal engineer on call to monitor signal operations and make dynamic changes to signal timing as necessary to ensure the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

A Project Hotline number has also been established to answer questions regarding construction. The number is **(888) R-O-A-D-W-R-K 762-9675**

PROJECT BENEFITS

The widening of South Santa Fe Avenue between the Cities of Vista and San Marcos will greatly improve traffic flow and reduce travel delays. It means the safer, more efficient movement of traffic. More efficient traffic movement helps to minimize environmental impacts and improve air quality.

The benefits of the South Santa Fe Road Improvement Project are numerous. The project will:

- provide additional lane miles
- improve traffic flow
- reduce travel delays
- provide dedicated turn lanes
- upgrade bike lanes
- match lane capacity of the neighboring cities
- install new sidewalks
- upgrade storm drain, sewer and water facilities
- relocate and improve the safety of the railroad crossing
- improve of the area by undergrounding overhead utilities lines
- reduce environmental impacts
- and most importantly, enhance public safety

Q: What will be the working hours for construction crews?

A: The working hours for phase one construction are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In the event night work is required (to take advantage of reduced traffic), a one-week notification to residents within 1000 feet of the planned work area will be given. This notice will also be posted on the web site page. The work will also be subject to Noise Variance Permit Restrictions.



The South Santa Fe Avenue (North) Road Improvement Project will widen existing roadway from two lanes to four, add stormwater runoff and other water service improvements, improve traffic flow and enhance public safety.

TRAFFIC CONTROL & ADVISORIES:

Latest developments in alternative routes and detours, plus other traffic advisories will be posted on the DPW South Santa Fe Road Improvement Website:

<http://sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/roads/southsantafe.html>



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